

**Appointments:**

**Joint Committee on Taxation:** The Chair, announced on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senators Baucus, Rockefeller, Conrad, Grassley, and Hatch. **Page S2500**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Jane Holl Lute, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

Tony West, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps. **Pages S2501–06**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—68) **Pages S2451, S2460**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2501.)

## ***Committee Meetings***

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### **NOMINATION**

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin and former Senator Sarbanes, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### **AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN**

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine Afghanistan and Pakistan from Michele Flournoy, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Lieutenant General John M. Paxton, Jr., USMC, Director for Operations, J3, and Vice Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, J5, both of the Joint Staff; and Rear Admiral Mark D. Harnitchek, USN, Director, Strategy, Policy, Programs and Logistics Directorate, J5/4, United States Transportation Command.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Capt. Brian P. Monahan, to be Rear Admiral and Attending Physician to the Congress, and Michael A. Brown, to be Rear Admiral, both of the Navy; and routine lists in the Air Force Reserve and the Navy.

### **LATEST GLOBAL WARMING SCIENCE**

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on the latest global warming science, after receiving testimony from Howard Frumkin, Director, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Department of Health and Human Services; R.K. Pachauri, United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, New Delhi, India; Christopher B. Field, Carnegie Institution for Science, Stanford, California; and William Happer, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

### **EXPANDING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**

**Committee on Finance:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine scoring health care reform, focusing on Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) budget options, including expanding health insurance coverage and making the health care system more efficient, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Committee on Finance:** Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 111th Congress:

**Subcommittee on Health Care:** Senators Rockefeller (Chair), Bingaman, Kerry, Lincoln, Wyden, Schumer, Stabenow, Cantwell, Nelson (FL), Menendez,